

Appendix B Resources Relative to the Requirements of Section 4(f)

This section of the document discusses parks, recreational facilities, wildlife refuges and historic properties found within or adjacent to the project area that do not trigger Section 4(f) protection because: (1) they are not publicly owned, (2) they are not open to the public, (3) they are not eligible historic properties, (4) the project does not permanently use the property and does not hinder the preservation of the property, or (5) the proximity impacts do not result in constructive use.

The environmental review, consultation, and any other action required in accordance with applicable Federal laws for this project is being, or has been, carried out by Caltrans under its assumption of responsibility pursuant to 23 USC. 327.

The project would include ramp improvements and reconfigurations to the existing I-15/Railroad Canyon Road Interchange. The Build Alternatives also include the construction of a new four-lane overcrossing/freeway interchange approximately 1,160 feet north of the existing I-15/Franklin Street overcrossing. For the project, three build alternatives and a no-build alternative are being considered. Improvements under the build alternatives are described in the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan and the 2015 Federal Transportation Improvement Program as project RIV010206. The primary purpose of the project is to relieve congestion by improving capacity and operational characteristics on the route within the project limits.

The following potential Section 4(f) resources were identified in the study area (refer to Table B-1). A description of each resource is provided below. For each property, an explanation on why the resource is not protected by Section 4(f), or why the project does not “use” the resource is also provided below.

Linear Park is located adjacent to Canyon Ridge Drive and north of Railroad Canyon Road in the City of Lake Elsinore. The facility is a linear park and contains sidewalks, landscaping, and decorative plantings. The park is separated from Railroad Canyon Road by Old Newport Drive/Longhorn Drive and a row of vegetation. None of the improvements or construction activities would result in a use of the park. During construction of the project, no street closures would occur near the park; therefore, access to the park would not be affected. The project will not cause a constructive use of Linear Park because the proximity impacts will not substantially impair the protected activities, features, or attributes of the park.

Table B-1: Parks, Schools, Libraries, and Recreational Facilities within One Mile of the Project Site

Name of Facility	Location	Nature and Use	Distance from Project (miles)	Jurisdiction/Ownership
Linear Park	Adjacent to Canyon Ridge Drive and north of Railroad Canyon Road	Includes pedestrian walkway and landscaping.	0.03	City of Lake Elsinore
Summerhill Park	31613 Canyon Estates Drive	5.0 acres, includes one multiuse sports field, tot play area, and restroom facilities.	Adjacent to project study limits	City of Lake Elsinore
Yarborough Park	419 North Poe Street	3.0 acres, includes picnic facilities, restroom facilities, shaded areas, tot lot, and open turf areas.	0.2 from project study limits	City of Lake Elsinore
Lake Point Park	420 East Lakeshore Drive	2 softball fields, a soccer field, tot lot, walking paths (0.36 mile), concession stands, restroom facilities, picnic facilities, and barbeque areas.	0.9	City of Lake Elsinore
Switch and Match Park	402 Limited Street	7.0 acres, includes 2 Little League baseball fields, bleachers, lighted fields, concession stand, and restroom facilities.	0.8	City of Lake Elsinore
Links at Summerly	29381 Village Parkway	Semi-private 18-hole golf course.	0.8	Privately Owned.
Lake Elsinore Diamond Stadium	500 Diamond Drive	Baseball Stadium; can accommodate up to 8,000 people for baseball games, seating capacity of up to 14,000 people for concerts, race cars, and motocross races. Includes full service kitchen, upgraded bar, and banquet facility.	0.3	City of Lake Elsinore
Lake Elsinore State Recreation Area	500 Lakeshore Drive	Recreational lake; includes areas for motor boating, jet skiing, waterskiing, wake boarding, kayaking, and fishing. Also includes public beaches with picnic and shade features, a 3-mile levee for hiking, fire rings, campgrounds, and sand volleyball courts.	0.9	City of Lake Elsinore, State of California

Summerhill Park is located on the corner of Canyon Estates Drive and Summerhill Drive, adjacent to the project study limits in the City of Lake Elsinore. However, none of the improvements are adjacent to the park. This park would not be directly affected by the project. During the reconfiguration of the I-15/Railroad Canyon Road Interchange and construction of the I-15/Franklin Street interchange, no street closures adjacent to the park would occur; therefore, access to the park would not be affected. There would be no air quality or noise impacts on the patrons such that it would impair the activities that are undertaken at the park. The project would not result in water quality impacts such as increased runoff to the park that would affect the activities at the park. The project will not cause a constructive use of Summerhill Park because the proximity impacts will not substantially impair the protected activities, features, or attributes of the park.

Yarborough Park is located on the corner of Flint and Poe Streets in the City of Lake Elsinore. This park is 3.0 acres and includes picnic facilities, restroom facilities, shaded areas, tot lot, and open turf areas. The park is located approximately 0.2 mile from the project study limits. Due to the distance of the park site from project site, there is no potential for constructive use or proximity impacts. Therefore, the provisions of Section 4(f) are not triggered.

Lake Point Park is located south of Lake Shore Drive and is adjacent to Lake Elsinore. This park includes 2 softball fields, a soccer field, tot lot, walking paths, concession stand, restroom facilities, picnic facilities, and barbeque areas. The park is located approximately 0.9 mile from the project study limits. Due to the distance of the park site from project site, there is no potential for constructive use or proximity impacts. Therefore, the provisions of Section 4(f) are not triggered.

Switch and Matich Park is located on Poe Street at the intersection of Poe Street and Lakeshore Drive in the City of Lake Elsinore. This park is 7.0 acres and includes two Little League baseball fields, bleachers, lighted fields, concession stand, and restroom facilities. The park is located approximately 0.8 mile from the project study limits. Due to the distance of the park site from project site, there is no potential for constructive use or proximity impacts. Therefore, the provisions of Section 4(f) are not triggered.

Links at Summerly is located in the City of Lake Elsinore and is considered a semi-private country club with an 18-hole golf course. A semi-private golf course/club has members, but also allows those that are not members to play. The course is owned and operated privately. Therefore, the provisions of Section 4(f) are not triggered.

Lake Elsinore Diamond Stadium is located at the corner of Diamond Drive and Malaga Road, approximately 0.3 mile southwest of the project study limits. The facility is a full-service baseball stadium that can accommodate up to 8,000 people for baseball games, and has a seating capacity of up to 14,000 people for concerts, race cars, and motocross races. The facility includes a full-service kitchen, upgraded bar, and banquet facility. The stadium is separated from I-15 by multiple frontage roads and buildings. None of the improvements or construction activities would result in a use of the park. During construction of the project, no street closures would occur near the park; therefore, access to the park would not be affected. Ramps at the existing I-15/Railroad Canyon Road Interchange would be closed and the detours for the closed ramps would be put in place; however, this should not affect access to the park. A Transportation Management Plan (TMP) would be prepared and approved prior to the construction (see measure **TR-1** in EA Section 2.7).

Approval of the TMP will involve coordination with the adjacent projects within the area. The TMP would also include a public awareness program through the use of local media, newsletters,

and flyers. The existing landscaping at the park would not be affected by the project. There would be no air quality impacts on the patrons such that it would impair the activities that are undertaken at the park. As stated in Section 2.7, there would be no permanent adverse air quality impacts under NEPA or significant impacts under CEQA that would occur due to operation of the project which could affect park patrons; therefore, no mitigation for operational impacts is needed.

No adverse noise impacts from construction are anticipated because construction would be conducted in accordance with applicable local noise standards and the Department's provisions in Section 14-8.02, "Noise Control," of the May 2011 Standard Specifications and Special Provisions and applicable local noise standards. The project will not cause a constructive use of the Lake Elsinore Diamond Stadium because the proximity impacts will not substantially impair the protected activities, features, or attributes of the park.

Lake Elsinore State Recreation Area is located adjacent to the Elsinore Mountains and 0.9 mile (1.5 km) southwest of the I-15 in the City of Lake Elsinore. This recreation area includes areas for motor boating, jet skiing, waterskiing, wake boarding, kayaking, and fishing. This area also includes public beaches with picnic and shade features, a 3-mile levee for hiking, fire rings, campgrounds, and sand volleyball courts. The recreation area is separated from I-15 by many roads and buildings. None of the improvements or construction activities would result in a use of this recreational resource. During construction the project, no street closures would occur near the recreation area; therefore, access to the recreational resource would not be affected. Due to the distance of the park site from project site, there is no potential for constructive use or proximity impacts. Therefore, the provisions of Section 4(f) are not triggered.

Schools. None of the schools listed in Table B-1 would be affected by the project due to the distance of the schools from the project study area. Therefore, the provisions of Section 4(f) are not triggered.

Library Facilities. There is one library near the project study limits, the Lake Elsinore Branch Library, located over 0.7 mile from I-15. Public libraries are not considered a Section 4(f) resource and therefore will not be evaluated further in this section (FHWA 2005). Therefore, the provisions of Section 4(f) are not triggered.